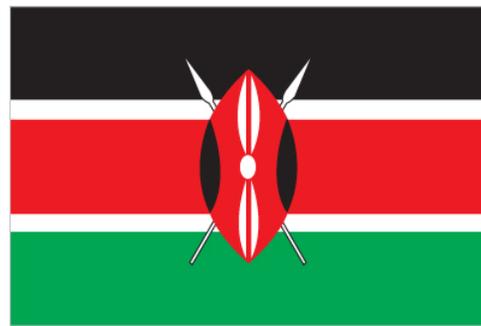




KENYA



INTRODUCTION

Kenya gained independence from the United Kingdom in 1963. In August 2010, Kenyans overwhelmingly adopted a new constitution in a national referendum. The new constitution introduced additional checks and balances to executive power and devolved power and resources to 47 newly created counties.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Uhuru KENYATTA

Head of Government

President Uhuru KENYATTA

Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Nairobi

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of Senate (67 seats) and National Assembly (349 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 580,367 sq km

Land: 569,140 sq km

Water: 11,227 sq km

Climate

varies from tropical along coast to arid in interior

Natural Resources

limestone, soda ash, salt, gemstones, fluorspar, zinc, diatomite, gypsum, wildlife, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

one of the fastest growing Sub-Saharan economies; hard-hit by COVID-19 disruptions and locust infestation, somewhat offset by agricultural growth; environmentally fragile economy; persistent poverty; better financial confidence; significant remittances

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$226.9 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$4,200 (2020 est.)

Industries - plastic, furniture, batteries, textiles, clothing, soap, cigarettes, flour, agricultural products, horticulture, oil refining, aluminum, steel, lead, cement, commercial ship repair, tourism
Agricultural products - sugarcane, milk, maize, potatoes, bananas, camel milk, cassava, sweet potatoes, mangoes/guavas, cabbages

Exports \$10.08 billion (2019 est.)

tea, cut flowers, refined petroleum, coffee, titanium (2019)

partners: Uganda 10%, US 9%, Netherlands 8%, Pakistan 7%, UK 6%, UAE 6%, Tanzania 5% (2019)

Imports \$18.73 billion (2019 est.)

refined petroleum, cars, packaged medicines, wheat, iron products (2019)

partners: China 24%, UAE 10%, India 10%, Saudi Arabia 7%, Japan 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

54.7 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

2.15% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Kikuyu 17.1%, Luhya 14.3%, Kalenjin 13.4%, Luo 10.7%, Kamba 9.8%, Somali 5.8%, Kisii 5.7%, Mijikenda 5.2%, Meru 4.2%, Maasai 2.5% Turkana 2.1%, non-Kenyan 1%, other 8.2% (2019 est.)

Language

English (official), Kiswahili (official), Kiswahili numerous indigenous languages

Religion

Christian 85.5% (Protestant 33.4%, Catholic 20.6%, Evangelical 20.4%, other Christian 11.9%), Muslim 10.9%, other 1.8%, none 1.6%, unspecified 0.2% (2019 est.)

